

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

We have written several times regarding how we who live in rural areas are deprived of local broadcast stations via satellite, even though we can't get cable and our antenna coverage is abysmal. Why is it that the cable companys can provide local channels but the satellite companys cannot? This is a travesty--for those of us in rural areas cable is not offered, but satellite is, so why can't we get local programming?--we thought the law was supposed to remedy that situation. If the merger will provide us local broadcast, I think it is a no-brainer. Again, we have voiced this concern over the past two years with no results. It is time for action, or new representation.

Sincerely,

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